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1. BECAUSE DEPARTMENT WAS UNABLE TO FIND A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ECONOMICS DIRECTORATE (REF A), WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR FSO MERRITT BRAGDON IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE AMERICAN EMPLOYEE IN NATO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE AS RECOMMENDED. AS MISSION IS AWARE, WE WERE ALSO UNABLE TO FIND A CANDIDATE FOR SUBJECT POSITION WITH ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED, I.E., PRIMARILY A GOOD ECONOMIC BACKGROUND AND EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE. BECAUSE WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN AN ECONOMIC BACKGROUND, WE PROPOSED A CANDIDATE (REF B) WHO, AFTER AN INTERVIEW AT NATO, WAS NOT FOUND ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE ANY ECONOMIC

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BACKGROUND.

2. DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON MR. BILLY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMICS DIRECTORATE, MENTIONED TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS LOWENSTEIN AND OTHERS THAT HE CONSIDERED IT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE AN AMERICAN IN HIS OFFICE AND ASKED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO FIND A QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT FOR BRAGDON. WHEN IT WAS EXPLAINED TO MR. BILLY THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO FIND A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WITH ECONOMIC AND EASTERN EUROPEAN BACKGROUND, HE INDICATED THAT A CANDIDATE WITH AN ECONOMIC BACKGROUND ONLY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

3. DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO FIND A CANDIDATE WITH AN ECONOMIC BACKGROUND TO FILL SUBJECT POSITION AND YOU SHOULD INFORM THE NATO IS OF THIS FACT AND THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF POSITION IS FILLED WITH A CANDIDATE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY. YOU SHOULD ASSURE MR. BILLY THAT WE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO FILL POSITION, AND THAT WE HOPE AND EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROPOSE A WELL QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT OPENING IN HIS OFFICE.

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